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Applicant : Richard H. Blunk et al.
Filed: : Nov. 20, 2001
TC/A.U. : 1745
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Docket No. : GP 301597

Title: : LOW CONTACT RESISTANCE PEM FUEL CELL

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SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL REJECTION

DATED 01/16/2004

Sir:

In response to the Final Rejection dated January 17, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

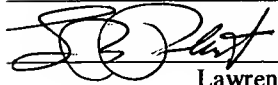
Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.



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Sir:

In response to the Office Communication dated 03/12/2004, please substitute the attached SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL REJECTION DATED 01/16/2004 for the earlier version thereof mailed February 9, 2004. This substitute document complies with the Office's requirements to (1) include the text of withdrawn claims 19 – 30 in the Listing of Claims, and (2) change the status identifier for claim 35 from "previously presented" to "new".

Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention. I regret any inconvenience these errors might have caused.

Reconsideration and allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

Sincerely:


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